



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Fish, Wildlife & Parks has implemented a new snowmobile trail groomer reimbursement methodology that would employ an hourly rate based on expenditures for fuel, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc. FWP will reimburse snowmobile and cross-country ski clubs for all expenditures associated with grooming operations through the hourly rate.

- Costs included: repairs, maintenance (including maintenance labor), costs associated with transportation of groomers, fuel, oil.
- Costs not included: labor to operate machine and any other costs not associated with actual operation of the equipment.

Labor and other costs (i.e. signs, weed spray) not directly associated with operation of a snowmobile trail groomer would be reimbursed under previously approved methods.

Hourly Rates:

Utility Sled Used for Trail Grooming: \$20.00 per hour (does not include grooming labor)

All Other Large Groomers: \$60.00 per hour (does not include grooming labor)

Beginning in FY 2010, FWP would reimburse RTP grant sponsors for snowmobile trail groomer expenses at \$20 or \$60 per hour of trail groomed, according to the groomer's hour meter. These rates would be used in lieu of receipts for fuel, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc. Labor and other eligible costs not directly associated with operation of the snowmobile trail groomer would be reimbursed under standard and previously approved methods.

Reporting documentation requirements for snowmobile clubs will include the following.

- Daily Groomer Sheets
- Monthly Summary of Grooming Expenditures
- Existing Reimbursement Cover and Expenditure Spreadsheets

It is very important that each club documents hours and miles groomed using Snowmobile Program record sheets (daily grooming logs and monthly summary sheets).

Fiscal Year 2011 Recreational Trails Program grant applicants will need to comply with these reimbursement requirements in order to receive grant funds for grooming operations. All grant balances associated with projects awarded prior to 2010 need to use previously approved reimbursement methods.

All clubs need to submit project cost tables based on the above explanation.

Please feel free to contact us for further information at 444-7642 (Steve) or 444-4585 (Beth).